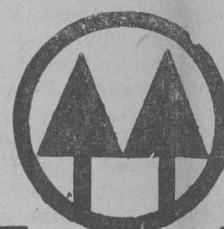


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GCA Committee Tackles Parkway Problems; Trucks, Fences, Buses

Letters to federal and state authorities opposing proposals to let trucks use the new Baltimore-Washington Parkway adjacent to Greenbelt, and to federal authorities asking for erection of a safety fence along the Parkway near Greenbelt, have been mailed by the Greenbelt Citizens Association this week.

These two matters, as well as exploration of the possibility of securing bus service along the new Parkway between Washington and Greenbelt, are to be brought up at the meeting of the City Council Monday, March 22.

Resolutions opposing use of the Parkway by trucks, calling for the fence as a safety measure for Greenbelters, especially their children, and setting in motion the quest for the more convenient bus service, were adopted by the Association's last meeting following report of the GCA Parkway Committee.

The City officials have also been exploring aspects of these problems. Council members recalled that over a year ago City Council passed resolutions opposing use of the Parkway by trucks, and Mayor Frank Lastner and other council members have expressed themselves as favoring the intent of the GCA resolutions.

Jurisdiction

The Baltimore-Washington Parkway, whose target date for completion is this October according to National Capital Parks Associate Superintendent Harry T. Thompson, falls under two jurisdictions.

The northern end of the Parkway is under the State of Maryland. Because there is no Maryland law permitting any state agency to keep trucks off any state highway, many trucks are using the northern end of the Parkway.

The southern end of the Parkway, from the northern boundary of Fort Meade, south past Greenbelt into the District, now is under federal jurisdiction. It was built under a law forbidding trucks to use it, but setting it up for "passenger-vehicle traffic." This phrase makes it possible, in National Capital Parks' discretion, to permit the Parkway's use by buses.

However, the Interior Department has informed Congress that it will seek to arrange with the State of Maryland for the transfer of the Federal portion of the Parkway to Maryland, provided necessary legislation is worked out.

Powerful groups are working in that direction, including the Washington-Baltimore Boulevard Association - the Route 1 businessmen's group. They want trucks to use the Parkway, not Route 1. Reportedly they have Rep. Small's backing.

The Maryland Highway Commission has warned the legislature that the Federal portion of the Parkway might not stand up to truck traffic because it is not being built to the same specifications used by the State on the Baltimore-Jessup Road portion.

Maryland House of Delegates Member Jerome Robinson of Baltimore Feb. 19 told the Maryland House that during hearings last year on his bill to ban trucks on the Parkway, the truck industry "agreed that they would cooperate and keep the trucks off that road voluntarily"—but that though the truck association tried to live up to the agreement, individual truckers didn't.

GCA Resolution

The Greenbelt Citizens Association resolution on trucks expressed vigorous opposition to "any plan which would permit the use of the southern end of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway by freight-carrying trucks" because this would:

"1. Lessen the value of the Parkway as a safe, rapid route for passenger-carrying vehicles . . .

"2. Lead to rapid deterioration of the Parkway . . . to consequent traffic hazards, traffic delays, cost to taxpayers, and other inconveniences . . .

"3. Create a tendency toward commercialization along the Parkway alien to the intent of the Parkway.

"4. Create disturbances to residents of . . . Greenbelt, by reason of the noise and fumes of the trucks.

"5. Create hazards to Greenbelt pedestrians, especially children."

Foes of trucks on the Parkway will seek to prevent deeding of the federal portion of the Parkway to the State, and, failing that, to try to see to it that as a condition of deeding, the State Legislature adopt a no-trucks law.

The GCA effort also will be directed toward favoring appropriations needed for policing the no-trucks rule.

Fence

The National Capital Parks agency, which is planning a fence along the Parkway at East Pines, is not now considering one near Greenbelt. The agency's thinking is that it would consider one if it appears that a safety menace has been created to Greenbelters by new thoroughfare.

Older Greenbelters recalled that when the Parkway first was talked about a couple of years ago, there were promises made that an attractive hedge or fence would be put up, after Greenbelters protested the safety hazard at that time. City officials have been alert to this matter.

Bus Service

The GCA plans on trying to secure bus service include sponsoring a survey to determine how many Greenbelters must commute regularly to Washington, where in Washington they go, and what times they arrive there and leave for home. This information would be helpful to a bus company in determining whether it would be willing to consider furnishing local-stop service on the Parkway to Greenbelt, one bus official has declared.

The GCA Parkway Committee, working on the three issues of trucks, fence, and the bus service, needs a number of volunteers—there is much work to be done. Any interested Greenbelter should call Mat Amberg, GR. 3-5902 evenings.

ITEMS

"Mrs. J. Ray Tanner (formerly Betsy Cassady) left by plane Tuesday evening to join her husband, who is on duty with the Marine Corps, in San Diego, Calif."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

See Page 4

This week the Cooperator has devoted a full page to letters to the editor. In order to do so, it was necessary to leave out some advertising and several news items and features. Our apologies to those who were inconvenienced thereby. The letters, however, contain some thoughtful comments and are well worth reading.

Democratic Club Meets March 24

The next meeting of the Greenbelt Democratic Club will be held Wednesday, March 24 in room 221 of the Center School. Mayor Lastner has announced that one or more candidates for an office in the state or county elections will speak. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Co-op League Joins National Conference

ASHELMAN ATTENDS

Samuel Ashelman and Jerry Voorhis were delegates the first of the month from The Cooperative League of the U. S. to the 31st Session of the Conference of National Organizations held at Atlantic City, New Jersey.

The League was invited to join the Conference early this year. Ashelman, manager of Greenbelt Consumer Services, and Voorhis, League secretary, attended the meetings with some of the leading business and labor leaders of the country.

Among the organizations who hold membership in the Conference are the American Bankers Association, American Farm Bureau Federation, American Federation of Labor, Chamber of Commerce of the U. S., National Association of Manufacturers and the National Foreign Trade Council.

The subject for this year's conference was "The Continuing Crisis of American Education," but Ashelman reports that the meetings included related problems as well.

As Ashelman describes it, "The Conference gave us a chance to meet and exchange views with leaders in all fields. The Conference does not attempt to formulate policy or make decisions but rather to consider together important issues facing the country."

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW GREENBELT?

(Answers on page 3)

Match the names of the following Greenbelters with the positions held in the community:

1. Donald Wolfe
2. Harry Zubkoff
3. Paul Campbell
4. Austin Green
5. John Anderson

A. General Manager, Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation; B. Police Officer, City of Greenbelt; C. Grounds Supervisor, G.V.H.C.; D. Director of Greenbelt Recreation Department; E. Editor of The Greenbelt Cooperator.

501 Ballots Cast In GVHC Run-Off; Jorgensen, Moore, Kriby And Tucker

By Russell Greenbaum

Hans Jorgensen of 19-E Hillside, maintaining the strength he displayed in last week's election, led the four candidates elected to fill the vacant positions on the board of directors of the Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation in the run-off election held Wednesday. He garnered 307 of the 501 ballots.

The other three elected to the board were Lloyd Moore of 9-K Ridge, Frank E. Kriby of 3-F Eastway, and Wayne Tucker of 7-D Crescent. They will join Edward Burgoon, Bruce Bowman, Ralph Webster, Al Long and Frank Lastner who were elected to the board last week.

The only surprise feature of the election was the ground lost by Bernard Bordonet who finished eighth in last week's election but was well out of the running in the run-off. Tucker, a newcomer to Greenbelt, barely made the ninth position on the board with a ten-vote margin over Elliot Buzkin.

Since both Buzkin and Bordonet were previous board members, this means that only four of last year's board—Bowman, Webster, Burgoon, and Long—have been held over. The new board had its first meeting on Thursday night.

Official Tabulation of Voting (First four candidates elected)

1. Jorgensen-307	5. Buzkin-231
2. Moore-293	6. Bordonet-204
3. Kriby-250	7. Bordonet-183
4. Tucker-241	8. Ritchie-137

GCS Plans \$51,000 Patronage Refund

Louis Englander, GCS' Certified Accountant, announced to the Board of Directors at their meeting last Friday night that over \$51,000 would be paid out in patronage refunds for 1953. This amounts to \$19 per \$1000 of the tickets turned in by members, a better than 50% increase over the previous year.

Englander congratulated the Co-op for "the best year yet," and pointed out that new "highs" had been reached in:

Sales - \$4,629,155; Net Margin - \$97,726; Capital stock outstanding - \$395,336; Members - 4,004; 1953 patronage refund - \$51,00.

Commenting on the financial position of the Co-op, Englander said that the balance sheet ratios showed a strong financial position, with the current ratio (current assets divided by current liabilities) of 1.95 to 1. This represents an improvement over the ratio of 1.64 a year ago. Total current assets were \$934,000. Working capital increased by \$23,000 to a total of \$195,000.

Englander concluded his report by saying "My report is short, gentlemen, because there are no bad things to report."

The Board of Directors announced that in order to be included in the next issue of the Newsletter, nominations for directors and biographical sketches should be turned in to the nominations committee by March 31.

WOMAN'S CLUB

The Woman's Club meeting to be held on March 25 will feature Mrs. Hale F. Sehorn, Director of the hospital Hobby Shop at Forest Glen. Her topic will be "Antique Dolls and Reproductions of Antique Dolls." She will have 15 or 20 dolls from her collection on display. The reproductions of antique dolls are made entirely by the Sehorns, including the bodies, heads and authentic costumes.

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Progress to Philmont

The trip to Philmont, New Mexico, by Explorer Scouts, Troop 202, has cleared another hurdle towards realization with the second payment of \$50.00 per boy on March 15. Only one more payment of \$780.00 is now needed.

Funds have been raised by the following projects and donations—

Sale of Nursery products, \$31; Father and Son Banquet, \$13; Donation from Campers Club, \$700; Paid by boys as their share, \$275; total raised, \$1,018.00.

Expenses: Feb. 15 payment, \$300; Mar. 15 payment \$600. Balance on hand \$118.

Due from boys as their share June 1 1954, \$325. Payment due June 1, 1954, \$780. Probable deficit by June 1, 1954, \$347.

Greenbelt Garden Club Meets Mon. March 22

L. W. Brezina, president of the Greenbelt Garden Club, has announced that all gardeners who had plots last year should notify Hans Jorgenson (GR 4-5737, evenings only) by March 20 if they want the same plots this year. All plots which have not been spoken for will be given out at the next meeting of the Garden Club on March 22, at 8 p.m. in the home economics room of the Center School. All members and those wishing to join should attend this meeting, Brezina said. There will be an election of officers. Dues of 50 cents for 1954 will be collected; membership cards will be distributed. Membership in the club entitles one to a discount at certain seed and supply stores.

New Officers Elected For Community Church

New officers elected and confirmed at the Annual Business Meeting of the Church on March 8 include: Moderator of the General Church Council—John W. S. Littleton (second term); replacements on the rotating system for: Board of Trustees—Earl Knickelbein, Jay Brubaker, Herbert Sauer (E. Riverdale), and Mrs. Everett Whitbeck.

Board of Deacons—New Chairman Ralph Converse (University Park), Dale Frese, Robert Halpin, Mrs. June Lane, Mrs. Della Domchick, Christopher Mullady, Mrs. Edward Schneider, Dr. Ernest Muller, Mrs. Alice Bluehosh, and Mrs. Ray Finley.

The new Treasurer, succeeding Robert Leo, is George Eshbaugh. Financial Secretaries are Mr. and Mrs. Ted Taylor, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bartholomew. Assistant Counting Stewards are Nelson Chapman, Don Moyer, and James Beck. New members of the Board of Ushers with Ralph E. Miller serving a second term as Head Usher are: Assistant Head Usher Edward Turner, Kenneth Polley (E. Riverdale), Glenn Burrows, Francis White, Warren Smeltzer, John Beckham, and Robert Howey.

Church School Officers

New officers of the Church School of Community Church working with Mrs. Bettie Denson, General Superintendent are:

Forest Joslin (Lanham)—Senior High Principal

Robert Hurst—Junior Department Principal

Mrs. Alvin Tucker—Principal Kindergarten

GREENBELT BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Laws, 7-V Research, girl.

Mr. and Mrs. James Low, 54-B Crescent, boy.

Mr. and Mrs. John Olekeab, 33-P Ridge, girl.

ST. HUGH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Rev. Victor J. Dowgiallo, Pastor
GR. 3-5911

Friday, March 19 - Stations of the Cross with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 8 p.m.

Confessions - Saturday afternoon from 3 to 5:30 for children and in the evening from 7 to 9 p.m. for adults.

Sunday - Masses: 7:30, 8:30, 9:30, and high Mass at 11 a.m. This is Communion Sunday for children of the parish. Religious instruction for Catholic children enrolled in public schools each Sunday after the 8:30 Mass.

Baptisms - Sunday, 1 p.m. Please contact Father Dowgiallo beforehand.

Wednesday - Miraculous Medal Novena at 8 p.m. followed by Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

GREENBELT BAPTIST

Meeting in Center School
Rev. Wm. J. Crowder, Ph.D.
Acting Pastor
4 Woodland Way, GR. 3-4844

Sunday, March 21 - 9:45 a.m. Sunday School, J. S. Stewart, Superintendent. Classes for all ages. 11 a.m., Morning Worship Sermon by Dr. Crowder. Special music by both choirs. A nursery for babies and small children is maintained during the Sunday School and Worship hours. 6:30 p.m., Baptist Training Fellowship for the entire family, Mrs. J. S. Stewart, Director. 7:30 p.m., Evening Worship Sermon by Dr. Crowder.

Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Mid-Week Service, Room 201, Center School. 8:30 p.m., Choir rehearsal, Center School.

Saturday, 10 a.m., Children's Choir rehearsal at 34-C Ridge. Mrs. Roy C. Thomas, Director. Phone GR. 3-2977. 7:30 p.m., Young Adult Class Meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Niermeyer, 4-L Gardenway.

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Sunday, March 21 - Stewardship Sunday, Third Sunday in Lent. Morning Worship at 9 and 11 a.m.

Sermon by Mr. Braund under the theme "Disciplines of Lent" will be "The Fruits of Responsible Stewardship." Mr. Lloyd Moore, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, will speak briefly on Stewardship Week. 10 a.m., Pastor's Class of Instruction for boys and girls leading to Confirmation on Palm Sunday, Church Study.

Church School Classes at 9 and 11 for kindergarten and primary; at 10 for juniors and adults. Nursery at 9 and 11, Nursery Room, Fellowship Center. 5 p.m., Junior High Youth Fellowship; 6:30, Worship Service for Junior and Senior Highs; 7, Senior High Fellowship.

Wednesday, March 24 - 8, Panel Discussion, School of Christian Churchmanship led by Mr. Braund.

HEBREW SERVICES

Rabbi C. Waldman

Regular weekly services of the Jewish Community Center will be held Friday, March 19 at 8 p.m. in the Home Economics Room of the Center School.

Candlelighting time is at 5:49 p.m.

Purim Celebration for and by the children of the Sunday School on Sunday afternoon in the Center School auditorium. No classes will be held that morning.

GREENBELT LUTHERAN CHURCH

Edward H. Birner, Pastor

Phone: GRanite 4-2051

Sunday, March 21 - 9:45 a.m., Sunday School and adult Bible Class. Classes are held for all ages. Raymond Carriere, Superintendent. 8:30 and 11 a.m., Church Services. Visitors are welcome. A nursery is maintained for the benefit of parents with small children. 4 p.m., Walther League meeting at the church.

Wednesday, March 24 - 8 p.m., Lenten services. Sermon topic: The Yoke of Christian Duty. Small gold crosses are still available to all visitors.

Friday, March 26 - 8 p.m., Sunday School Teachers meet at the church.

Purim Folk Dance

The JCC will hold a Purim Dance on Saturday, March 27, 9 p.m. at the Center School Auditorium. The Dave Rosenberg dancers will entertain and have audience participation. Rosenberg and his troupe are well known in this area and have performed at the U.N. Day ceremonies at the University of Maryland. Everyone is invited.

REWARD

A liberal reward is offered for further information leading to identification, arrest and conviction of the person who was seen taking my wallet from, in or around my car between 11:30 a.m. and 12 noon, Saturday, March 13, in front of the Post Office, Greenbelt, Maryland.

My wallet contained a substantial sum of money and some very important papers. The person seen taking it was a teen-ager who probably attends one of the senior or junior high schools in the neighborhood.

A. C. Long
7-K Crescent Rd.
GR. 4-7088.

BRUSH FIRE

The local fire department put out a brush fire near the 58 Court of Ridge last Tuesday afternoon. Assisting in the "put-out" were four local youngsters; Robert Beckner, George Clindestin, Tod Leasia, and Arthur Seal. All are classmates at the North End School.

Greenbelt Consumer Services, Inc.

Official Nomination Form For the Election of Members of the Board of Directors or Auditing Committee

I hereby nominate

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Woman's Club Hears Judge Miazga Speak

Judge Theodore Miazga, Trial Magistrate of the Magistrate Court of Prince Georges County was the guest speaker at the Woman's Club meeting on March 11. Judge Miazga told how the Juvenile Court is operated, meeting only on Wednesday of each week, and stressed the fact that most of the youngsters are brought before the court for some social deficiency rather than for some criminal action. The sessions are closed to protect the juvenile. The Juvenile court does not handle traffic violations as these are taken care of in the regular traffic court. Most young traffic offenders are sent to a training class for drivers which acquaints them with the laws of the state in regards to traffic.

Judge Miazga also mentioned that although it is not generally known by most people there are over 35 free scholarships given to colleges in the state, including St. Frances Seminary, St. Johns Academy, Western Maryland, Johns Hopkins University, Charlotte Hall Academy, Blue Ridge College and 16 at the University of Maryland at College Park. These scholarships include in some cases "tuition, board and room, fuel, lights and washings."

That part of his talk which interested the teenagers present at the meeting was the information regarding the use of the air strip at Schrom's airport for a "drag" for Hot Rod Club competition. The enthusiasm of the teenagers was rather deflated when Mr. McDonald stated that the City Council had entered a protest over holding such meets at the airport, since it would bring too much traffic within the city limits of Greenbelt and there aren't enough police to handle crowds of this size. The Judge stated that the Hot Rod Clubs are almost national in scope now and are fully backed by the police departments, local Judges, such as himself, and a few members of Congress. These clubs teach teenagers safe driving, and are very strict with members who do not conform to the rules set up by the Clubs. At present there is no site for them to hold these competition meets and it will be sometime before such arrangements can be made to hold such a meet at Schrom's airport.

Hostesses for the evening were: Mrs. Allan Chotiner, Mrs. Richard White and Mrs. Ralph Neumann. The program was under the Department of Education and Youth Cooperation chaired by Mrs. Abraham Chasanow.

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Fishing Lines

By Lee

The time has rolled around to revive the fishing news column with sincere appreciation for the consideration and space given the column by our local newspaper, the Cooperator.

All you Shad fishermen, if you haven't already got your gear in shape you'd better, as the season is about on. From latest information they haven't entered the rivers as yet but are expected to with any kind of decent weather in a couple of weeks. Some herring have been taken, but not to amount to anything, and the white perch are expected to be hitting soon in the river.

Locally you can try for bluegill in the lakes but I don't think you will be very successful until the weather warms up more. The big Waltonian trek to Allens Fresh was held Sunday but I haven't heard how they made out with the yellow perch. There is trout to get ready for, and all in all the season is fast approaching so now is the time to get everything ready to go when the various seasons open. You can get your license at the police station with a booklet of rules and opening dates on all fishing.

We are waiting now for word from the Maryland inland game and fish commission as to when they will be down to restock Greenbelt Lake. This should be a very good fishing spot close to home this season, providing there are not too many concessions operating. It seems this will take away most of the scenic beauty of the area and tend toward the amusement park idea. At present it is a beautiful spot for a day of fishing or picnicking and not too far from the store if you want anything.

This column will endeavor to give you up to date fishing information for the area this season. Best of luck to you.

Recreation News

Swimming Registration:

There will be another registration prior to the start of swimming classes. Classes are open to Greenbelt residents only and are for a 15 day period. Each child will be screened before taking the lessons. After the 15 day course, they will all be given a certificate for completing that phase of the course. They may then register again for more advanced instruction. The course is entitled "Learn To Swim" and we will do our best to accomplish this for your child.

Time and date will be given in this column in the near future for the next registration. Those who have registered will not have to register again. For more information call the Recreation Department—GR3-2011.

Kite Contest:

Saturday, March 20, the kite contest for Elementary and Jr. High School age children will be held at Braden field. Time: Elementary age—10 a.m. to 12 m.; Junior High age—2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

All children must be registered and have a card with them. Everyone may register at the variety store. There will be individual prizes for boys and girls.

The Greenbelt Band

By Black

Like good music? Well the young musicians of Greenbelt are giving a concert for everyone March 25 at eight p.m. in the Center School Auditorium. These youngsters could well be yours a few months from now; come out and enjoy the evening. Everyone invited; no admission charge.

FERTILIZER

The Grounds Sub-Committee of Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation sends word that orders for fertilizer and lime may be placed with Walter Hawley, GRanite 3-5414, instead of Arthur Hatton, as previously announced.

The committee is preparing an order to be placed in the near future and requests that interested residents call Hawley as soon as possible.

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Center PTA Meeting Tuesday, March 23

1. D; 2. E; 3. A; 4. B; and 5. C.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

In order to correct a misapprehension which may have arisen from Mr. Volckhausen's use of the words "editorial board," we wish to make it clear that the Board of Directors of the Greenbelt Cooperative Publishing Association, Inc., publisher of the Cooperator, did not participate in the decision to decline Mr. Volckhausen's ad. The "editorial board" consisted of the editor and the associate editor.

Mr. Long's letter to the editor was submitted as his regular column, "The Long View," but was accepted for publication as a letter to the editor.

TO THE EDITOR

I learned with dismay that a person of Walter R. Volckhausen's calibre, that someone of his scrupulously democratic and tolerant nature, has been charged with being "Un-American." It would be astounding were anyone in Greenbelt to believe it. I trust that most Greenbelters who know Mr. Volckhausen do not believe it. Mr. Volckhausen deserves our unstinted support in his desire to clear his name. I take heart from his courageous statement, and vow more than ever to do everything I personally can help stem the tide of totalitarian thinking approaching us. I don't necessarily have to completely agree with Volckhausen on all counts to wish him well on this. Mr. Volckhausen's stirring APPEAL FOR FAIR PLAY sustains me, as have the clear, splendid pleas for sanity by such men as Bishop Oxnard, Einstein, Edward R. Murrow, Elmer Davis, Senator Flanders, the Catholic priest of Indianapolis who gave an American Civil Liberties Union chapter a meeting place in his church, the Army public relations man under Secretary Stevens who resigned because honest men in a position of power should have stood up to McCarthy more than they did, and the Protestant minister Shirkey who just lately called on the churches of America to "throw themselves across the path of McCarthyism."

The Cooperator should have printed the APPEAL FOR FAIR PLAY, for it would no more have meant unqualified endorsement of Mr. Volckhausen by the paper than commercial ads mean the Cooperator backs all the products and services sold by its advertisers. We desperately need the light of facts to dispel the awful shadows about us, we need encouragement for free discussion, and the Cooperator is in a position to provide this. Of course it is especially dangerous for government employees to speak up. Sometimes if they do, to paraphrase Patrick Henry, it is like saying "Give me liberty or give me a suspension." The risk of losing one's livelihood is a serious consideration indeed, and that's what makes the situation even more intolerable. Are we getting to be like the Communists who not only forbid free discussion, but fail to provide the truth to think by? We ought to keep faith with Bob Volckhausen, with the brave, honest men who continue to speak out, with our neighbors, and most of all, with ourselves.

I am a cooperator at heart, and Mr. Volckhausen is a cooperator, yet that is not all the reason I support him in this. Labels don't determine my opinions or liking for a man, at least I hope they do not. In Greenbelt many groups, many ideas, many faiths interact to the benefit of all citizens.

A community newspaper like ours that has no particular axe to grind, that has no political or partisan interest to serve, can do much to promote mutual trust and understanding. It has a distinct duty to do so.

I hope to see fellow Greenbelt residents at the Citizens Association meeting March 31 in the Center School Auditorium. Such an Association can do a lot of good work in improving our city. It doesn't matter whether Bob Volckhausen continues to be chairman or not, as long as we don't go on destroying ourselves by calling each other names.

Miriam A. Solomon.

TO THE EDITOR

When I moved into Greenbelt two years ago I was very naive. I was delighted to move out of crowded basement apartments into a place where my children could have a big airy bedroom—where the sunlight came pouring in, and I could let them go out to play without constantly watching them to be sure they weren't being molested by drunken, homeless derelicts. (Greenbelt is the only community I know of which doesn't have its share of battered broken men walking the streets all the time.)

At that time I was shocked to find that as I made friends among my neighbors I couldn't even count on one hand the people who liked Greenbelt. Almost everyone had a gripe. If I expressed any pleasure in Greenbelt the stock answer seemed to be, "Oh well, you are new here!"

Naturally, as in all life, everything has not been "just cozy" in Greenbelt. At one time I was even unhappy enough to think about moving (but not unhappy enough to read the For Rent ads in the paper). Now I just wonder. I wonder why, in a town where women are more secure, more free from tensions of the type found in other places, i.e., places where the bulk of the family budget goes for housing, where it isn't safe for a woman to go out alone at night, or have her door unlocked, where traffic problems present such a hazard to children going to school, and where, due to the indifference of neighbor to neighbor, you could lie unconscious on the floor and no one would even notice that the mail hasn't been taken in, or some other sign, and come to investigate.

Why, when we are free from these very serious cares, when we could be using our freedom for self expression and our energy for tackling our more minor problems—why is it that almost a good majority of the women of Greenbelt need something for their nerves, be it a prescription or a bottle of beer? And then why is there so much underhanded back biting? Starting with the cruelty of almost every membership election of officers in almost every community organization down through issues concerning fences, dogs, sled-riding in the streets and on down to the neighbor you were joking with one night, only to find the next morning that he or she turns his or her back when you approach and after several weeks you find that you were quoted falsely by those who were not included in the joking and laughter.

Perhaps these things don't matter, but can we live together as we must here in this small area, if there are charges, and answers to charges, whether true or false on every level of living? Don't we soon become so involved in sorting out the just and unjust—in making or answering "charges" that we lose all sight of other purposes of our being here on earth?

At least temporarily, I have made my peace with Greenbelt and am still naive enough to thank God that our advantages here so far outweigh our disadvantages. I didn't decide to stay in Greenbelt after looking at prices outside. I stay because I love it here and only wish more of the residents who grumble, who feel trapped by economics, could really learn to enjoy living here as much as I do.

Mrs. Dolores M. Arthur
12-C Laurel Hill Rd.

DOG BITES BOY

We want to report that our son, David, was bitten on the leg by a dog on Tuesday morning, March 9, on the center school grounds as he was entering the school. This dog is owned by Mr. Coleman of 26-D Ridge Road. (The dog is supposed to be under observation for the 12 days following, according to county law.)

We felt that if such events were given publicity it would help our town with the serious dog problem, would publicize those who violate town ordinances and GVHC rules.

Mrs. W. A. Snyder
1-D Woodland Way.

Letters To The Editor**TO THE EDITOR**

In common with most residents of Greenbelt, I received a copy of "An Appeal for Fair Play" written by Mr. Walter R. Volckhausen. It is not my purpose to discuss the merits of his "Appeal", I prefer to do that either on some public occasion, if such an opportunity arises, or sometime soon in the pages of the "Greenbelt Cooperator", if that is possible.

At this time I want to register my complete shock, disappointment and rigorous dissent to the position taken by some members of the editorial board and staff of the "Cooperator" in rejecting Mr. Volckhausen's "Appeal" as an advertisement. Such a position, it seems to me, is craven and unworthy of those who exercise the responsibility of publishing the sole newspaper covering community activities. At the very least, the editorial board could have accepted the advertisement with an editorial disclaimer of responsibility for its contents.

But perhaps we are faced with a situation where the editorial board agreed with the basic position of the "Appeal" and rather than disclaim it, preferred not to publish it?

If such is the case, then the editorial board and staff members responsible for refusing to accept the advertisement are guilty of completely lacking in understanding the role and responsibility of a newspaper.

Or perhaps it was fear of taint? If this is so, where then is the courage, where is the belief in the principles of freedom (even at an advertising price) which has characterized the citizens of our Republic? When the average citizens of a country or community act in such a manner, then indeed is freedom in danger of disappearing—not as a result of those who seek willingly to destroy it, but by those very same people who should defend it. No free and self-respecting people ever maintained their freedom or survived in freedom by surrendering not alone its own right to dissent, but by vigorously championing the right of others to dissent.

My family moved to Greenbelt because it represented, by reputation at least, the type of community in which we thought children could grow up learning and practicing the principles of democratic freedom in community life, in business and in local politics. But, if this is the way responsible leaders of opinion in the community act, then Greenbelt does not deserve its reputation. Greenbelt, by its history and tradition—yes it does have a tradition—should, in these parlous and perilous times, be an oasis of all that is best in our American tradition. Is this community now to be denied its heritage? Is its reputation a fraud? This, I refuse to believe.

It is my earnest appeal that the members of the editorial board, and those staff members responsible for refusing the Volckhausen advertisement, reassert the faith which they have apparently let slip.

If we retreat in fear then we are not worthy of freedom. If we turn away from our responsibilities then we are not men. Such fear is the soil for the growth of totalitarianism—whether communist or fascist.

And, should the editorial board fear that this letter is "too dangerous" to print, be assured that my anti-communist record is publicly known and that it pre-dates that of Senator McCarthy's so-called anti-communism by at least twenty years. That should be safe enough.

Albert Konrad Herling.

TO THE EDITOR

I don't know anything about Mr. Volckhausen or his political stripe, but I think you behaved wrongly if you refused his ad. You are not asked to pass judgment on the political views expressed in ads submitted to you, nor will any same person hold you responsible for views so expressed.

W. F. Mackin.

TO THE EDITOR

As a new resident of Greenbelt, enjoying the blessings of our well planned community, I went to the annual meeting of GVHC, expecting a democratically run meeting in keeping with the cooperative traditions of the community. I was both shocked and amazed to see Mr. Ralph F. Webster run the meeting, at times, in a most dictatorial fashion in an obvious attempt to railroad his views through on the method of voting for members of the Board of Directors. Mr. Abraham Chasnow, attorney for GVHC, added to the bad taste by using vituperative language against a member who had the audacity to disagree with his opinion.

When Mr. Webster ruled that in his opinion the Hare system of proportional representation could not be used in the annual election he stated that he was ruling under "Robert's Rules of Order" which provided that the laws of the state and nation supersede a corporation's by-laws. When his ruling was challenged and appealed to the membership present, he immediately violated the self-same "Robert's Rules" by refusing to relinquish the chair while the appeal was heard according to the "Rules". Then, illegally continuing in the chair, he improperly entertained a motion to table the appeal, violating established parliamentary procedure, and thus placed a cloud of doubt on the legality of the election itself.

Later in the evening Mr. Webster again engaged in most undemocratic procedure by ruling that if two thirds of the membership present failed to vote in favor of a proposed by-law change establishing a majority method of annual voting, that, in effect, one-third of the members voting, plus one, would make it possible to vote by the plurality method, a method not specifically contained in the by-laws and not proposed in any resolution. Shades of European dictators!

Only in the case of Mr. Bryan, when Mr. Webster's personal interests were not at stake, did he have the courtesy to reverse himself and admit that according to "Robert's Rules" a motion to table the anti-Bryan resolution only required a majority vote rather than a two-thirds vote as he had previously ruled.

I think that Mr. Webster showed at the meeting that where his personal opinions are deeply at stake, he can't be expected to chair a membership meeting democratically according to established parliamentary procedure. I believe that in so doing he has demonstrated to the incoming board that he does not merit a presidency of the GVHC. Furthermore, I believe that the incoming board should thoroughly review the renewal of Mr. Chasnow's contract and at a minimum should severely chastise him for his most ungentlemanly behavior at the meeting.

Leonard Baron
19-M Ridge Rd.

TO THE EDITOR

It has been brought to my attention that certain members of GVHC used vile and obscene language during the recent Annual Meeting. This language was overheard, and offended members seated close by, many of whom were attending a GVHC meeting for the first time.

The fact that the language was directed at me in my capacity as Chairman does not in itself bother me. However, the fact that others were subjected to vulgarity does most definitely concern me.

Since it is unlikely that the thoughtless people who were responsible will apologize for their actions, may I take this means of apologizing for them. Heated discussion of important and controversial issues is excusable, but there is no excuse for vulgarity.

The incident is sincerely regretted.

Ralph F. Webster
Pres., Board of Directors
GVHC.

encourage those you place in office and keep them at their highest level in fulfilling the obligations and responsibilities you place upon them.

Percy H. Andros.